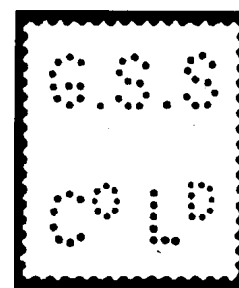


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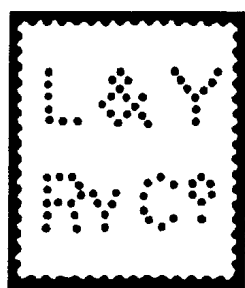
Roy Gault.

The long standing identity in Tomkins for "G.S.S/CoLd" (G4830.01) of the 'Goole Steamship Company Ltd' has always sat uncomfortably for me because the initials do not fully reflect the name. However, a little research has shown the correct title should read the '**Goole Steam Shipping Co Ltd**'. The company was registered in 1864 to provide a regular service from Goole to the continent.



1871-1905

Just one die is known to have been used by them - a Sloper single headed die completed on 18 th July 1871, although the number of the machine is unrecorded. The die continued in use until 1905 which is when the company was purchased by the '**Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Co**', its ships forming the railway's 'East Coast Fleet'.

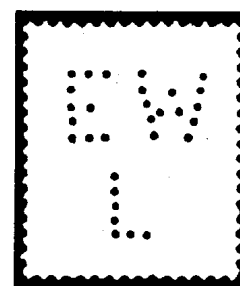


1880-1881

Three years earlier, on 1st May 1902, the railway had purchased the 'Drogheda Steam Packet Co', and so acquired a 'West Coast Fleet'. Only one die is suspected as having been used by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. This is "L&Y/RyC^o." (L6100.01), a rare die as only three examples have been reported. All three are on the QV 1d Venetian Red dating to the period 1880-1881.

With no tradition or using perfin by the railway, it comes as no surprise that the use of them by the 'Goole Steam Shipping Co' ceased in 1905. In 1922 the 'Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway', including its maritime interests, were acquired by the 'London & North Western Railway', and subsequently by the 'London, Midland & Scottish Railway' at the grouping on 1st January 1923.

The shipping side of things eventually became part of the 'Associated Humber Lines' in 193 5. The nearest I can get to a perfin for them is "EW/U (E5040.01), which was used by Ellerman's Wilson Line Ltd (Hull), agents for the 'Associated Humber Lines'.



1920-1940

Can anyone add anymore?